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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:
- ☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages **1, 5 – 15** as originally filed/furnished
- pages* **2, 3, 4 & 4a** received by this Authority on **19 September 2005** with the letter of **19 September 2005**
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* **16 & 17** received by this Authority on **6 April 2006** with the letter of **6 April 2006**
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages **1/2 – 2/2** as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 – 12	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 – 12	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 – 12	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty (N); Inventive Step (IS); Industrial Applicability (IA)**Claims 1 – 12**

Applicant's submissions including the amendments have been carefully considered.

The only independent claim now includes the feature of 'the body temperature of the patient being elevated subsequent to the removal of the patient from the fluid'. The features (including this one) defined by the one independent claim are not disclosed in the prior art document cited in earlier reports – DE 19527770. The combination of the features defined in the one independent claim is also not rendered obvious in light of this document.

Consequently, the invention defined in the one independent claim is novel and possesses an inventive step over this cited prior art document. The remaining claims depend from this independent claim and are therefore novel and possess an inventive step as well.

The invention defined in the present claims is suitable for industrial application.